

Remarks

Claims 1-7 and 9-15 were examined. In this Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-6 and 9-11 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Lipman et al (US Patent No.: 6,104,845, hereafter "Lipman"), and Claims 12-14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lipman in view of Kolster (US Patent No.: 5,920,877, hereafter "Kolster").

The Examiner is thanked for the thoughtful review of the application. In the foregoing amendments, the Applicants have amended Claims 1, 6 and 9 and add Claim 16 to further distinguish from the cited references. As a result of the amendments, Claims 1-7 and 9-16 are pending. Reconsideration of these pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and these remarks.

As amended, Claim 1 now recites:

a portable computing device;
a scanner integrated with the portable computing device as a single portable device with scanning capability, the scanner configured to receive a scanning object that is caused to move through the scanner to generate an image thereof; and
wherein the portable computing device includes an optical recognition engine that receives the image and produces texts therefrom.

(emphasis added)

As shown in FIG. 2A or FIG. 2B of the pending application, Claim 1 recites a single portable device integrating a portable computing device and a scanner. FIG. 2A or FIG. 2B also shows that a business card being scanned by the scanner that is indeed a part of the integrated device.

In contrast, FIG. 2 and FIG. 3 of Lipman show respectfully that a hand-held scanner is moved over a record medium (i.e., a scanning document). In view of "the scanner configured to receive a scanning object that is caused to move through the scanner to generate an image thereof", Lipman fails to show that the hand-held scanner is configured to receive a scanning document. In fact, Lipman specifically shows that the hand-held scanner is placed over a scanning document for scanning.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that the once-amended Claim 1 shall be allowable over Lipman. The reconsideration of claim 1-7 is respectfully requested.

Claim 9 is also amended to include similar features recited in Claim 1. The Applicant wishes to apply the above reasons/arguments to support the once-amended Claim 9. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that the once-amended Claim 9 shall be allowable over Lipman. The reconsideration of claim 9-15 is respectfully requested. Claim 16 is newly added to recite the mechanism to move the scanning object when the scanning object is received, as explicitly shown in FIG. 2A or FIG. 2B.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that Claims 1-7 and 9-16 shall be in condition for allowance over the cited references. Early and favorable action is being respectfully solicited.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplementary Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (408)777-8873.

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